



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY  
EDUCATION MEETING  
August 4, 2014**

**COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

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The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Monday, August 4, 2014 at the W. Alton Jones Whispering Pines Conference Center, 401 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, R.I. Council Chair Bernstein welcomed everyone, declared a quorum present, and called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Chairman Bernstein thanked President Dooley and the URI staff for hosting the meeting.

**Present:** Michael Bernstein, Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John Smith, and Jeffery Williams

**Absent:** None

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Bernstein entertained a motion to accept the agenda

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by John Smith, it was

**VOTED:** That the Council on Postsecondary Education accepts the agenda for the meeting of August 4, 2014 as presented.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John Smith, and Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

**2. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Encl2a. Annual Calendar of Council work sessions/meetings**

Chairman Bernstein shared with Council members the annual calendar of Council work sessions/meetings.

For the benefit of those members who were new to the Board, Chairman Bernstein explained the difference between work sessions and meetings and that it is a privilege and an honor to serve on the Council and he looks forward to working with everyone.

Council Member Izzo suggested that since the Board has been split into two Councils that he would like to suggest having the Postsecondary Council meetings rotate between the three institutions of higher education.

**Encl2b – Notices of Change submitted by the University of Rhode Island**

- Kinesiology Physical Education Health Education Teacher Education (PHETE) track within the Master of Arts Teacher Certification Program (MATCP)
- Post Master's Certificate Program in Nursing
- Minor in Cyber Security
- Graduate Certificate in Digital Literacy

President Dooley explained that notices of change fall under the previous rules and regulations of the R.I. Board of Education that require notification to the Board at a Board meeting, but do not require Board approval. These changes are considered to be relatively minor changes for additions to the overall curricula of the University of R.I. and well within its scope and mission. The intent here is that the Board is aware of these steps. In particular, he pointed out that certificate programs are fewer than 18 credits and are really left to the individual institutions to devise and develop and then the Presidents discuss it collaboratively along with the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education, and subject to the concurrence of everyone involved, then they come forward to the Board.

**Encl2c – Appointment of the Vice President for Administration and Finance at Rhode Island College**

President Carriuolo introduced Ms. Lysa Teal to the Board, the candidate being recommended for Board approval as the new Vice-President for Administration and Finance at Rhode Island College. She then read the candidate's credentials, which were provided to Board members. Ms. Teal was strongly recommended to President Carriuolo by a search committee, which included then Acting Commissioner of Higher Education, Clark Greene. She asked the Board to look favorably upon the appointment, as Ms. Teal is much needed at R.I. College. She is very pleased to have her surface in a search that had a pool of very qualified candidates.

### 3. ACTION ITEMS

#### a. Approval of Recommendation on Appointment of the Vice-President for Administration and Finance at Rhode Island College

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

**VOTED:** That the Council on Postsecondary Education approves the appointment of Lysa Teal as Vice-President for Administration and Finance at R.I. College

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John Smith, and Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

### 4. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made by John Smith and seconded by Jeffery Williams, it was

**VOTED:** That the Council on Postsecondary Education adjourns.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Antonio Barajas, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Judy Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John Smith, and Jeffery Williams

NAYS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.